(c) the amount paid to the above employees in the shape of salary/wages, bonus medical expenses etc. during the period of suspension in each case with justification of these payments without taking any work from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The requisite information for the period 1985-86 to March 1989 is given in the Annexure. (*See* Appendix CLI, Annexure No 113)

International youth festival held at Pyongyang

1828. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives of various youth organisations participated in the International Youth Festival held recently at Pyongyang;

(b) if so, the details of India's participation in the festival;

(c) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a press report under the caption 'Youth Congress(I), NSUI men at their best' which appeared in the Indian Express, New Delhi dated the 13th July, 1989 to the effect that some representatives misbehaved with Indian Women participants and women from other countries;

(d) if so, what steps have been taken against such individuals; and

(e) what steps Government propose to take to avoid such recurrence in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) Indias participation in the Festival organised through a National Preparatory Committee consisting of representatives of several political parties at the national level. A 346 strong delegation from India participated in the 13th World Festival of Youth and Students held in Pyongyang, Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 1 to 8th July, 1989. The delegation was composed of representatives from student bodies and youth organisations belonging to political parties such as AICC(I), CPI, CPI(M) Janata Dal, RSP, TDP, AIADMK, DMK, AGP, Forward Block, National Conference, Congress (S), Congress (J), etc. The delegation took part in discussions at various thematic centres, special events and programmes as well as cultural activities.

(c) to (e). The press report relates to the alleged acts of indiscipline and unruly behaviour of some of the Members of Team.

The Department of Youth Affairs and Sports was and is not involved in this matter in any manner whatsoever. The Department has also not received any report or complaint in the matter.

Meeting of Central and States transport officials

1829. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh had written to him to convene a meeting of the Central and State officials at Delhi in order to speed up the decisions on various issues including transport issue; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Union Government in this regard

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issues raised have been examined and action taken is given in the statement annexed.